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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 6,033,451, granted 03/07/2000, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled VACUUM CLEANER BAG DOCKING ASSEMBLY,

the specification of which

is attached hereto.

was filed on 02/27/2002 as reissue application number 10 / 086,221
and was amended on 02/27/2002 by preliminary amendment.
(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

by reason of a defective specification or drawing.

by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

by reason of other errors.

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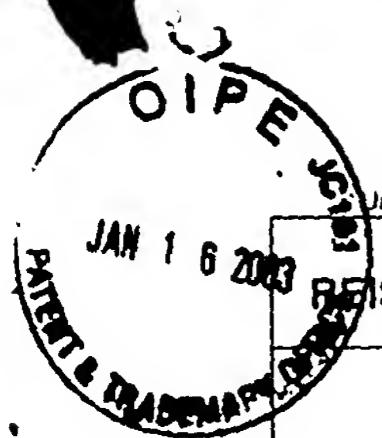
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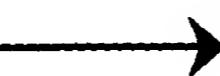
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